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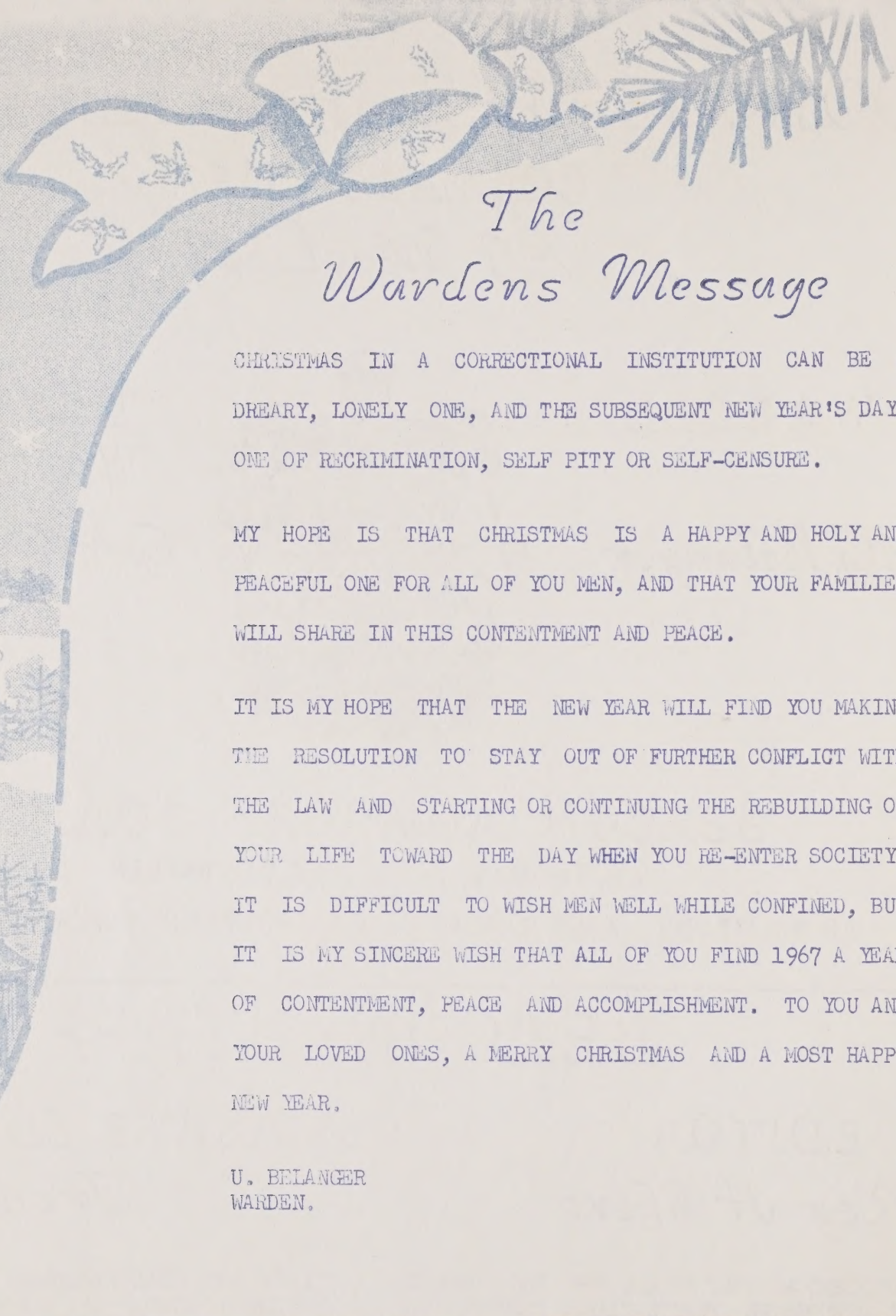
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The Wardens Message

CHRISTMAS IN A CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION CAN BE A DREARY, LONELY ONE, AND THE SUBSEQUENT NEW YEAR'S DAY, ONE OF RECRIMINATION, SELF PITY OR SELF-CENSURE.

MY HOPE IS THAT CHRISTMAS IS A HAPPY AND HOLY AND PEACEFUL ONE FOR ALL OF YOU MEN, AND THAT YOUR FAMILIES WILL SHARE IN THIS CONTENTMENT AND PEACE.

IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL FIND YOU MAKING THE RESOLUTION TO STAY OUT OF FURTHER CONFLICT WITH THE LAW AND STARTING OR CONTINUING THE REBUILDING OF YOUR LIFE TOWARD THE DAY WHEN YOU RE-ENTER SOCIETY. IT IS DIFFICULT TO WISH MEN WELL WHILE CONFINED, BUT IT IS MY SINCERE WISH THAT ALL OF YOU FIND 1967 A YEAR OF CONTENTMENT, PEACE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT. TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES, A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST HAPPY NEW YEAR.

U. BELANGER
WARDEN.

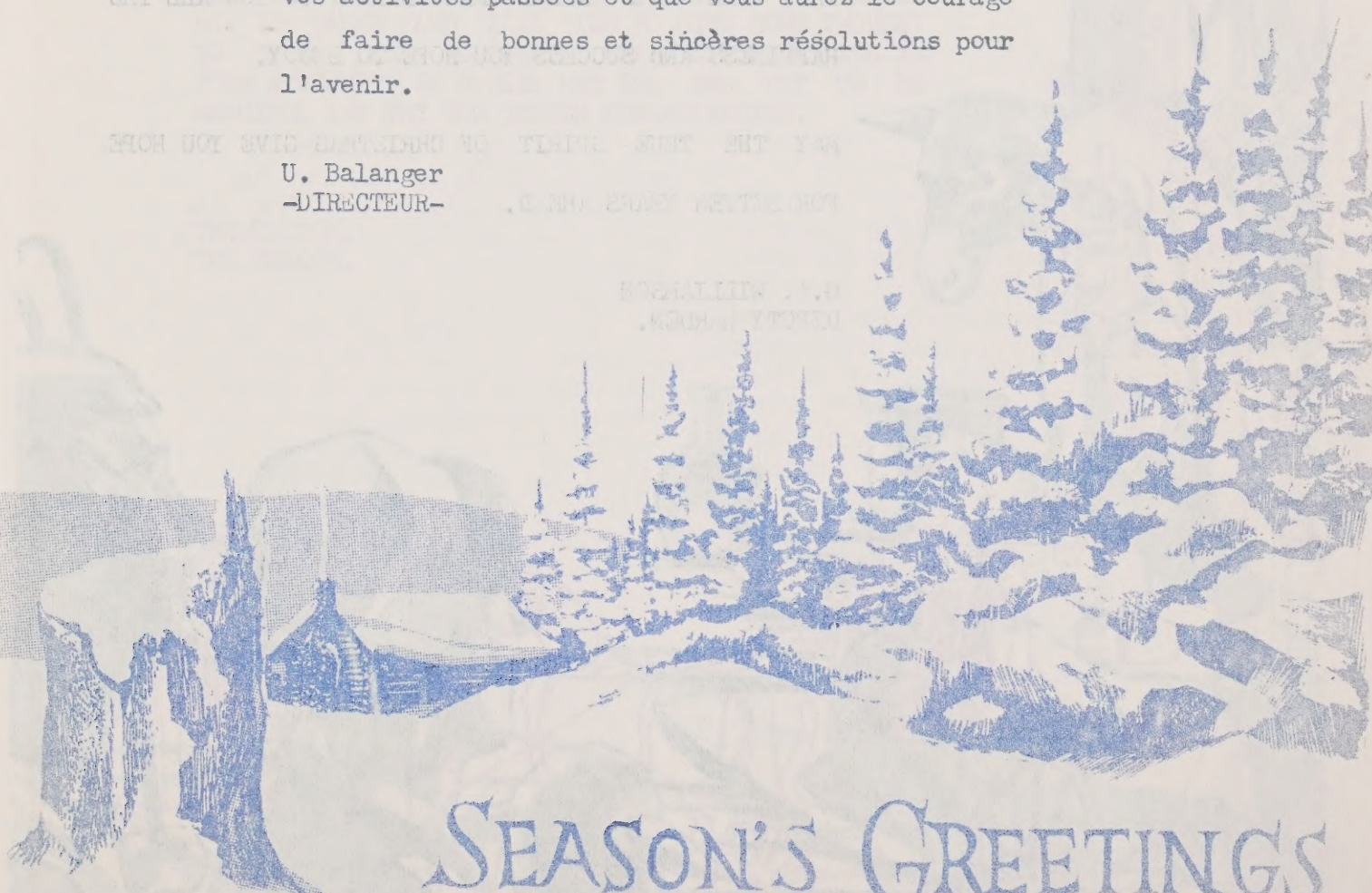
Une message de Noël

Se trouver enfermé dans une institution pénale durant les fêtes de Noël et du jour de l'An est, il va sans dire, "prosaique".

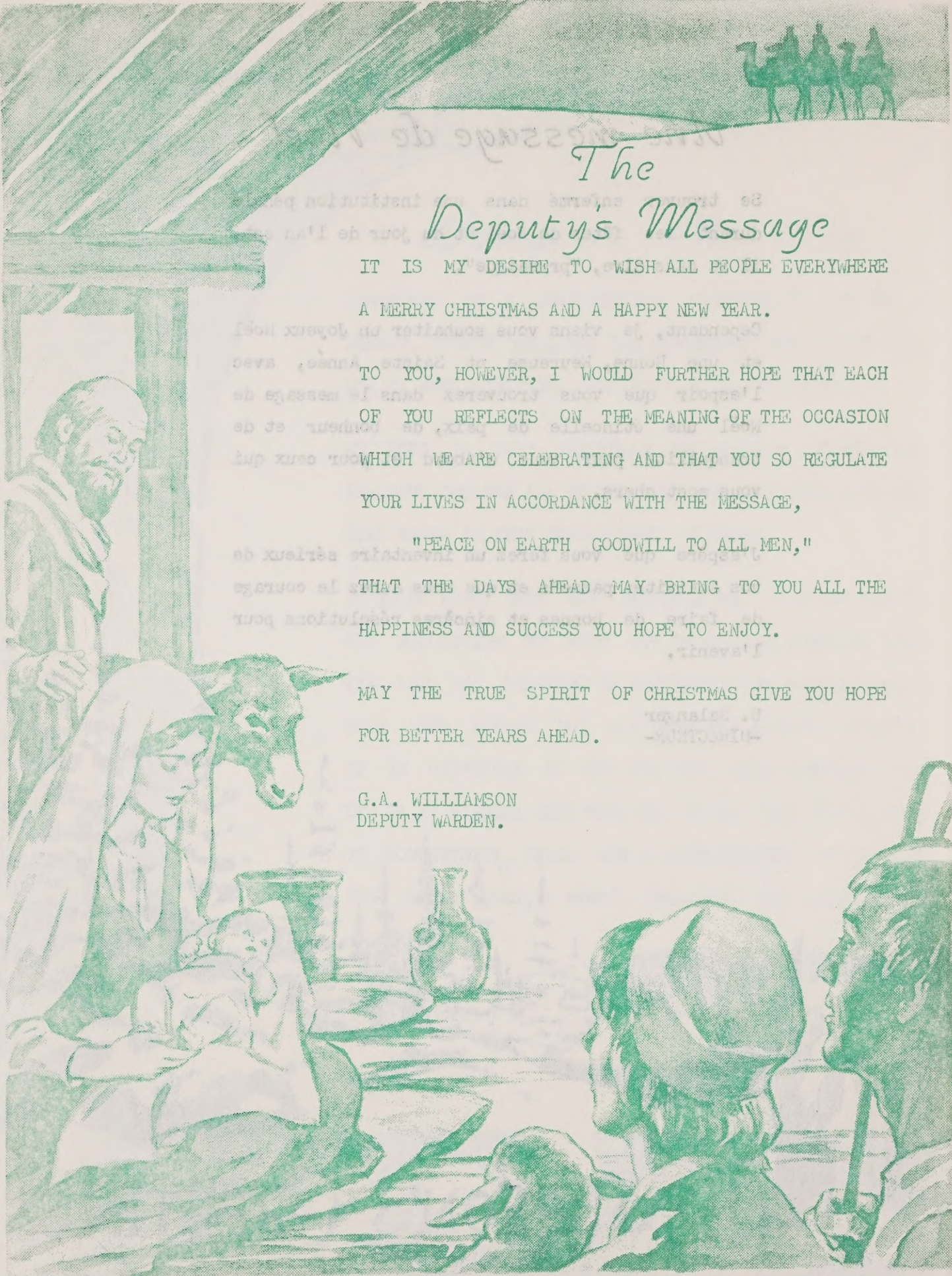
Cependant, je viens vous souhaiter un Joyeux Noël et une Bonne, Heureuse et Sainte Année, avec l'espoir que vous trouverez dans le message de Noël une étincelle de paix, de bonheur et de tranquillité pour vous d'abord et pour ceux qui vous sont chers.

J'espère que vous ferez un inventaire sérieux de vos activités passées et que vous aurez le courage de faire de bonnes et sincères résolutions pour l'avenir.

U. Balanger
-DIRECTEUR-



SEASON'S GREETINGS

A green-toned illustration of the Nativity scene. In the foreground, Mary is seated, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph stands behind her. A donkey and an ox are present. In the background, three figures on camels are visible under a starry sky. The scene is set in a stable with a wooden structure.

The Deputy's Message

IT IS MY DESIRE TO WISH ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TO YOU, HOWEVER, I WOULD FURTHER HOPE THAT EACH
OF YOU REFLECTS ON THE MEANING OF THE OCCASION
WHICH WE ARE CELEBRATING AND THAT YOU SO REGULATE
YOUR LIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MESSAGE,

"PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO ALL MEN,"

THAT THE DAYS AHEAD MAY BRING TO YOU ALL THE
HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS YOU HOPE TO ENJOY.

MAY THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVE YOU HOPE
FOR BETTER YEARS AHEAD.

G.A. WILLIAMSON
DEPUTY WARDEN.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

WE OF THE BEACON EXTEND TO ALL OF OUR READERS WHETHER THEY BE INSIDE THESE WALLS OR IN FREE SOCIETY, OUR SINCERE HOPES THAT THEIR CHRISTMAS WILL BE A HAPPY ONE.

TO THOSE OF US WHO MUST SPEND THIS CHRISTMAS AWAY FROM OUR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES, MAY WE FIND COMFORT IN THE FACT THAT WE WILL ONE DAY SOON BE RE-UNITED AND PERHAPS THE COMING NEW YEAR WILL BRING WITH IT OUR LONG AWAITED RELEASE DATE.

AND TO THOSE SPENDING THEIR CHRISTMAS IN FREEDOM MAY YOU PAUSE AND TAKE TIME TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN YOURSELVES AND IN YOUR JUDGEMENT OF OTHERS MAY YOU SEE FIT TO BE MERCIFUL AND TRY FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING.

R. T. Hart
THE EDITOR,
THE BEACON.





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What does Christmas really mean to those of us who are confined behind steel bars at this time of year.

Ask this of a hundred inmates and you would probably get a hundred different answers. In this respect we are no different than anyone else, because Christmas means many things to many people. We are constantly reminded to remember the true significance of this occasion...the birth of our Saviour.

Caught up in the hectic activity that preceeds the holiday season it is difficult to remember anything clearly, let alone something that has been allowed to recede to the dark corners of our minds. Most of us, as children, learned the usual bible stories and all of us, to some degree are familiar with the stories surrounding the birth of the Christ Child.

Is this then what we are supposed to remember, or are we to listen to the manufacturers and retail merchants who tell that the important thing is to give; Nev-

er mind what you can afford, just give, you can pay for it later. Finance companies tell us that they will pay for all of our Christmas presents and we can repay them on easy monthly terms spread over the next three years. So what happens next Christmas when you still haven't paid for this one?

President Johnson in the United States says that he will remember the true significance of Christmas and for two days he will not kill as many Vietnamese as he normally would. The Viet Cong will follow suit and have promised that they will do likewise. If they really are sincere in their professions of belief why don't they cease killing for the other three hundred and sixty-three days in the year.

And so we are reminded to reflect on our past mistakes and think about ways to improve ourselves in the days ahead. The one thing that we have in here that people in free society don't have, is time to reflect, and not only at Christmas. There is ample opportunity for all of us to think and to really give profound thought to our various problems and ways of solving them. And we are not subjected to the distractions that plague those on the 'outside'.

When we think of giving, lets not think of giving in the ordinary sense of the word. Lets not follow the examples set by finance companies, retail merchants etc. Lets give a little christian charity, a little love for our fellow man, and lets give more of ourselves. And when we think of the 'true meaning' lets not confine our thoughts to one or two days of the year, lets try to remember the other three-hundred and sixty-three days.



FROM THE

EDITOR'S DESK

Very recently former American President, Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed that every young man in the U.S. be required to undergo at least one year of Military Service for the sake of crime prevention.

In this country this suggestion taken literally would be impracticable, for military conscription is considered necessary only in time of war. But what is to prevent the government from adopting legislation enabling a magistrate or a judge to order a first offender into the Armed Forces in lieu of a prison term.

Many young offenders are sent to Canadian penitentiaries in order to 'learn trades and skills', the 'lack of which' turned them to crime. These same trades and skills could be learned in the army or the navy and the youth would not acquire the stigma of being an 'ex-inmate' in the process. Along with trades training the armed forces teach responsibility and provide much needed discipline.

Of course there are some types of offences committed by youths that would exclude them from any consideration for military service in lieu of prison, and some would be physically or mentally unacceptable. But the number that could be put into uniform would be considerable and would provide a source of much needed manpower for our military establishment.

Economically, the plan would be well worth consideration especially in view of the fact that it costs in excess of \$3000. to maintain a prisoner in a Canadian Penitentiary for a year. And morally, who knows how many young men could be spared the tragedy of becoming one of Canada's imprisoned.

R.E.H.

COMMITTEE MAN TRANSFERED

Jimmy Pellow, elected to the Inmate Sports and Recreation Committee in the last election has been transferred to the Minimum Security Institution at Springhill. This creates a vacancy on the committee, which according to the constitution must be filled by the man polling the sixth highest number of votes.

The vacancy will be filled by Perry Hosford. Actually Doc Dockrill had received a higher number of votes but he is expecting a transfer to a minimum security camp and declined.

REHEARSE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOW

As we go to press with this issue of the Beacon, approximately twenty-five of our more talented inmates are preparing for the Annual Christmas Variety Show.

The boys have been hard at work for the past two weeks with their rehearsals learning new numbers and polishing up on some of the old favorites.

This show will feature some of our regular entertainers and a few new faces. Included in the group are old regulars: Don Antone, Steve Peebles, Herb Isnor and Jimmy Richards. Among the new faces appearing are Fred Boyle and Larry Quigley.

BEACON LOOKS FOR WRITERS

The Beacon Monthly is always on the look-out for writers. Contributions from inmate writers may include poetry, fiction or opinion articles. Information concerning contributions may be had by inquiring at the Beacon Office.

Next month the Beacon plans to start a question and answer column. Inmates will be given an opportunity to express themselves and give their opinions on questions covering a wide range of subjects.

RITA

WRITES

November, 1966

Dear Canadian Foster Parents:

I received your dear letter and am so happy to have your good news. My family and I are also in good health.

I spent a nice vacation but in a few days I will have to return to school and am happy to start the new school year. Thank you so much for the 5000 lire(\$8.) monthly check, for the extra grant for 3125 lire (\$5.) and for the other check for 14,375 lire (\$23.)

Dear Foster Parents please give my hearty thanks to that gentleman who sent me the money; my mother bought me a pair of shoes and my school apron, a little watch and other things for school. I owe all these lovely and useful things to you and again I want to thank you with all my heart.

Many greetings and kisses from my mother and all my family.
A big hug from your

Rita.

(A \$5.00 donation was sent to Rita by Dr. Percy M. Clarke)

THE BEACON SALUTES MR. CLAUDE KANE

Mr. Claude Kane, News Director of CKCW Radio Station, Moncton, N.B., in an editorial on November 25th., emphatically endorsed the stand taken by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson in which Mr. Johnson refused to sign into law, a bill which would have given the police in the U.S. greatly increased powers.

In support of Mr. Johnson's action, Mr Kane contended that increased powers for police agencies is not the answer to the increase in the crime rate. He maintains that the answer to crime prevention is research into causes of crime and criminal behaviour.

Mr. Kane in his approach to this problem displays an attitude which is extremely rare amid the apathy and complacency which prevails today in our society. The average citizen fails to admit that a problem does exist, or if he does admit knowledge of the problem he refuses to accept any responsibility in correcting it. Apparently however, this man recognizes the

problem and cares enough to give it considerable thought.

He emphasizes the necessity of slum clearance and need for equalization of educational opportunities, both of which contribute to the increasing crime rate, according to him.

We feel that Mr. Kane is right in what he says concerning this problem but the important thing is not whether he is right or wrong but the fact that he cares enough to give it serious thought. If there were more voices raised concerning this growing problem there would of course, be better understanding and who knows, perhaps someone may come up with the right answer.

The Beacon proudly salutes Mr. Kane and in doing so extends sincere thanks to this man for the stand he has taken concerning a problem that effects every taxpayer in Canada, either directly or indirectly.

STOLEN HUMOR

A new army draftee was loafing behind the barracks when the sergeant appeared.

"What are you doing here?" barked the three striper.

"I'm procrastinating," answered the recruit.

"In that case, okay," said the sergeant. "Just so long as you aren't loafing."

At the last Rose Bowl game a man walked out to the middle of the field, looked over the 90,000 fans, pulled a gun and snapped.

"Don't anybody move - this is a stick-up."

A swinging bachelor was taken back when he answered his penthouse door one halloween to find a small masked trick-or-treater with shopping bag outstretched. Searching about for something appropriate to donate, his eyes fell on a stack of silver dollars he'd just brought back from Las Vegas. Grabbing a fistfull, the playboy dropped them into the sack. Instead of a "thank you" the kid broke into wailing sobs.

"Ya' nut!" he screamed. "Ya' broke all my cookies."

A prominent social worker once visited an insane asylum and was struck by the apparent sanity of an inmate tending the flowers. He was a veritable storehouse of horticultural knowledge, and spoke quite rationally.

"My good man," she said, "I would like to have you work for me. I intend to speak to the superintendent of staff and have you released in my custody."

As she turned to go, the man picked up an egg-sized rock and hit her smartly behind the left ear.

Staggered and dazed, the woman turned to the man. He smiled softly at her and said, "You won't forget, will you?"

You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you knew how seldom they did.

Six-year old twins Tim and Jim, came home after their first day in a new school.

"Mother, what does G-I-R-L-S spell?"

"It spells girls," she answered.

Tim turned to Jim and said accusingly "See! I told you we were in the wrong room."

The teacher had impressed her pupils with the importance of knowing the correct meaning of words. At home that night Sharon heard the word 'extinct' on a T.V. program and asked her mother what it meant.

"Well, its like this," her mother said "If all the people in the world disappeared you could say the human race was 'extinct'."

Sharon thought for a minute and asked, "But who would I say it to?"

A man was complaining to his friends that his wife was always nagging him for money. "Last week she wanted \$200. The day before yesterday, it was another \$150. And this morning she asked me for another \$125."

"Man thats crazy," His friend replied. "What did she spend that much money on?"

"Not very much," said the husband. "I never gave her any."



"I Told You Guys Group Therapy Has Its Points"

GUEST EDITORIAL

By

Earl Stanley Gardner

From

THE DANMUSE
Danbury Conn.

If more inmates could only realize the job the prison press is doing, they would make a determined effort to give it their support, to study writing and keep plugging away at stories and articles so their local magazines would have material.

During the last ten or fifteen years there has been the start of a great change in the public attitude toward prisoners. This has been due, in part, to outstanding penologists who have been pointing out that, after all, prisoners are people. The trouble is that while this message appeals to the thoughtful citizen, it simply does not reach the minds of large segments of the voting population who would like to believe that the only way to curb the crime rate is to increase punishment and "put teeth into laws".

Prisoners are people. The best way however, to convince the general public that this is so is to establish a personal contact. If someone tells you that Joe Doakes is really a pretty good fellow, you are on the road to establishing a firm and lasting friendship.

When inmates write stories showing their yearnings, their ambitions, their recognition of the individual problems which have caused them to be incarcerated, people will say, "Why doggone it, that fellow is a human being just like I am. His problems are a little more intense than mine, but they're the same sort of problems I face in my own life."

If we can build up an "outside" circulation for the prison magazine, and if the inmates can write about their problems as human beings, the result is bound to be a far better understanding.

Moreover, writing is the best way I know to develop insight into life and character. You can't write about something without studying about it, and when you study the people around you, you begin to see beneath the surface. And with each story, whether it is accepted or not, you gain a little more insight and a better understanding of life's problems.

Every hour a man spends writing develops his skill and sympathetic perception.

The Penal Press today has more outside circulation than ever. As it grows, writers can grow also. It is a splendid opportunity. The Prison Press is far more important than many people think it is.

R.C. Chaplain's Message

Once again the great Xmas-tide is fast approaching and so it is my pleasant duty and privilege to offer best wishes to all: staff and inmates.

May the Prince of Peace grant us abundant and choice graces during this Holy Season.

The ever-recurring lesson of Christmas is one of immense love! God so loved the world (mankind) that he did not hesitate to send us his only begotten Son, to redeem us from the slavery of sin.

My earnest wish: may each one of us respond to the Grace of God, as it stirs our being! may we finally comprehend that nothing is more important in life than love of God and love of our neighbor!

A Merry and Holy Christmas-tide to each and everyone.

T. Gallant csc
R.C. Chaplain,
Dorchester, N.B.

Comme aumonier de cette institution, il me fait grand plaisir, à l'occasion des Fêtes, de vous offrir mes vœux les plus sincères de bonheur.

Que le Divin Enfant vous comble de ses grâces les plus précieuses! De notre part, n'hésitons pas d'ouvrir nos âmes à l'action de Dieu en nos âmes!

Quel amour plus grand Dieu pourrait-il nous témoigner que de s'abaisser à notre condition humaine, pour ensuite nous libérer de la servitude du péché?

A tous et à chacun, Joyeux Noël!

T. Gallant csc.
Aumonier Catholique,
Dorchester, N.B.



SPRINGHILL

NEWS

SATELLITE GLANCES by JOHNNY VOLLMANN

CBC DOCUMENTARY

The Springhill Minimum Security Institution will be featured on a special CBC Documentary on Channels 3 (CBAT-TV) and 13 (CFCY-TV) of Halifax and Charlottetown, respectively. Covering the entire structure of the institution the program called "Gazette", hosted by Jim Bennett will spotlight numerous areas of inmate activities including personal interviews, video tapes of dormitories, chapel, work shops, hobbycraft displays, the inmate orchestra, and kitchen as well as shots of the outside structures and grounds.

Superintendent J. M. West guided the ten man crew through the institution on a very brisk day and a half of video taping. A small mobile unit was engaged in the technical processes of the Documentary and numerous inmates watched with astonishment as the six technical members conducted their various tasks. The production staff included Jim Bennett and three assistants.

REPORT PENDING

Superintendent J. M. West revealed recently that a thorough and detailed report was submitted to him by the specially formed Investigative Committee - Chaired by Ralph Parks with members Joe Rizzetto and Morris Horne. He pointed out that the report emphasized both the pros and cons about an Inmate Council as opposed to the present three man structure of Committee.

The Superintendent has tabled this matter, however, until after the first of the new year when he will be better able to study the report and make decisions accordingly. This is in accord with the tremendous amount of activity being conducted presently in the institution, along with the holiday season approaching. Mr.

West lauded the members of the investigating Committee for their speedy and impartial work on the submission.

INMATES CITED

Two inmates were cited by the Related Training Instructor for completing courses since the last publication: Rick Reagh completed Department of Veterans Affairs Bookkeeping with A-Honors, and also finished New Brunswick's Department of Labour Vocational Barber Theory, making him eligible to write for his Journeyman's License. John Vollmann completed four courses with the University of Pennsylvania in Rural Sociology and Agriculture.

VISITORS LOSE

Ten Springhill Townsmen visited our Institution in late October for an evening of Bridge and found themselves seated against one of the strongest inmate teams ever mustered. The visitors accumulated 8,650 points for two hours total against the Inmates' 13,060.

Leading the Springhill team was Mr. G. McCallum who has been no stranger to the past contests. Among the inmate representatives were: Art Mundee, Phil Woods, Gus Shea, Rick Reagh, Joe Rizzetti, Doug Smith, Gordie Sullivan, John Vollmann, Frank Burns, Roland Aubry, and Gordie Cowie.

RECREATION CHATTER

Nine tournaments have been conducted on weekends since the new Inmate Committee took office and activity has been fast and furious. The card tournaments showed the largest interest with respective winners: Bridge - Frank Burns & Roland Aubry; Whist Gus Shea & Frank Burns; Cribbage Doubles - Don DeCoursey & Dane Butler; 1) Hearts * John McNeil & John Vollmann; Gin Rummy * Gordie Sullivan; 2) Hearts - John Casey & Fred MacKenzie. A Dart Singles Tournament was won by Dane Butler; Ping Pong Singles by Rick Reagh; and a chess Tournament by Phil Woods, runner-up Rick Reagh.

The Inmate Committee announced formation of a Snow Hockey League to commence when weather permitting. Fred Dower has been

named Commissioner of the League.

Our Annual Softball Banquet was held on October 25th and everyone enjoyed a steak dinner complete with trimmings. Special awards were presented by Superintendent West to Rick Reagh - who won the Batting Crown and had the best all round average; Frank Burns - the Most Valuable Player; Cecil Rogers - who took the Pitching Honor and Seymour Dixon - the Rookie of the Year Award. Mr. West complimented the members of the league on their display of sportsmanship and pointed out the values received from participation in various competitive programs. Chairman of the Inmate Committee, Art Mundee spoke briefly thanking the officials and players of the league for their efforts as well as the members of the Stewart's Department for the special Banquet arrangements.

A full musical program is presently underway and citizen participation is contemplated where instruction will be given inmates studying various instruments. The inmate group is presently under the direction of John Vollmann - Accordion and Sax; members include Dennis Duncan - Lead Guitar; Louie Fortin - Rhythm Guitar; Jim McLean - Upright Bass; Rex Fisher - Drums; and Doug Smith - Vocalist.

The Inmate Committee has been quite active in proposing several projects of late. They have arranged for the late movies on TV on a trial basis, and a new scheme for bolstering the Inmate Welfare Fund to accomodate more tournaments and programs of inmate recreation.

The Toys for Tots program is about ready to roll here at the institution with Basil Cruikshanks handling the project on the inmate level. Mr. C. Dickey of the Springhill Rotary Club is presently rounding up repairable toys that will be prepared for needy tots in the Springhill area.

DART LEAGUE

A five team Dart League was formed in October, Commissioned by Joe Rizzetto, and the standings after 40 sets played show two tight contests developing. The first race appears to be a fight for the top of the league between Don Smith's "Silver Darts" and Ray Sinclair's "Stags"; the "Silver Darts" have 28 points out of 40

games played while the "Stags" have 27 points for the same number of games. The second race appears to be the battle to stay in contention for a playoff position - only the four top teams qualify - and Ed Clinch's "Javelins" have 18 points, Jim McLean's "Untouchables" have 14 points, and Chuck Hake's "Sharpshooters" are fighting a tough battle with 12 points.

Individual statistics are being held down by only a handful of shooters - Ray Sinclair - most finishes 32, most hundreds 18, plus the high finish of 98; Don Smith has the most starts 41, and team-mate H. Ryan has the high start of 114; Ron Phillips of the Javelins has the distinctive high score of 160.

ENTERTAINMENT

November 16th - A troupe of twenty entertainers from the Town of Springhill came in on Wednesday evening and presented a musical variety show to a capacity inmate audience. Specially arranged and MC'd by Rud Osbourn the show was kept lively as he interspersed bits of comedy throughout the performance.

Two groups were featured during the production: The Bushmen, a rock-n-roll ensemble of five young men were noted for their unique sound and approach to the pop numbers; and the Cascades, a group of four young men and a feature vocalist Mary Ann Noyles who presented melodramatic numbers with a country & western flavour.

Solo spots went to a number of entertainers like little Eddie Dobson, who played accordion and sang two songs displaying exceptional talent for his youth; Karen Terris, Gwen Arsenault, Norm Melanson, and Lloyd Mason each presented solo vocals that were well received to the delight of the audience. Jim Wood played a Boogie Woogie and pop selection.

A specially selected inmate group performed entertainment for the inmate audience and visiting guests by featuring Jim McLean on Bass, Romeo LeBlanc with Western vocal, Louie Fortin with a pop vocal, Denney Duncan on Lead Guitar, Frank Durant on Fiddle, Doug Smith on pop vocal, Johnny Vollmann on accordion, and Art Mundee doing MC work and two skits.



CHRISTMAS VIEWPOINT

Christmas comes but once a year

Thankful I am for that.

It costs so dear

That it leaves me flat!



I struggle and sweat

To get everything right,

Make sure that no one gets into a fret

As they easily might.



Food and drink to buy

Many presents to get.

Must not pass anyone by,

Or they will never forget.



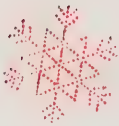
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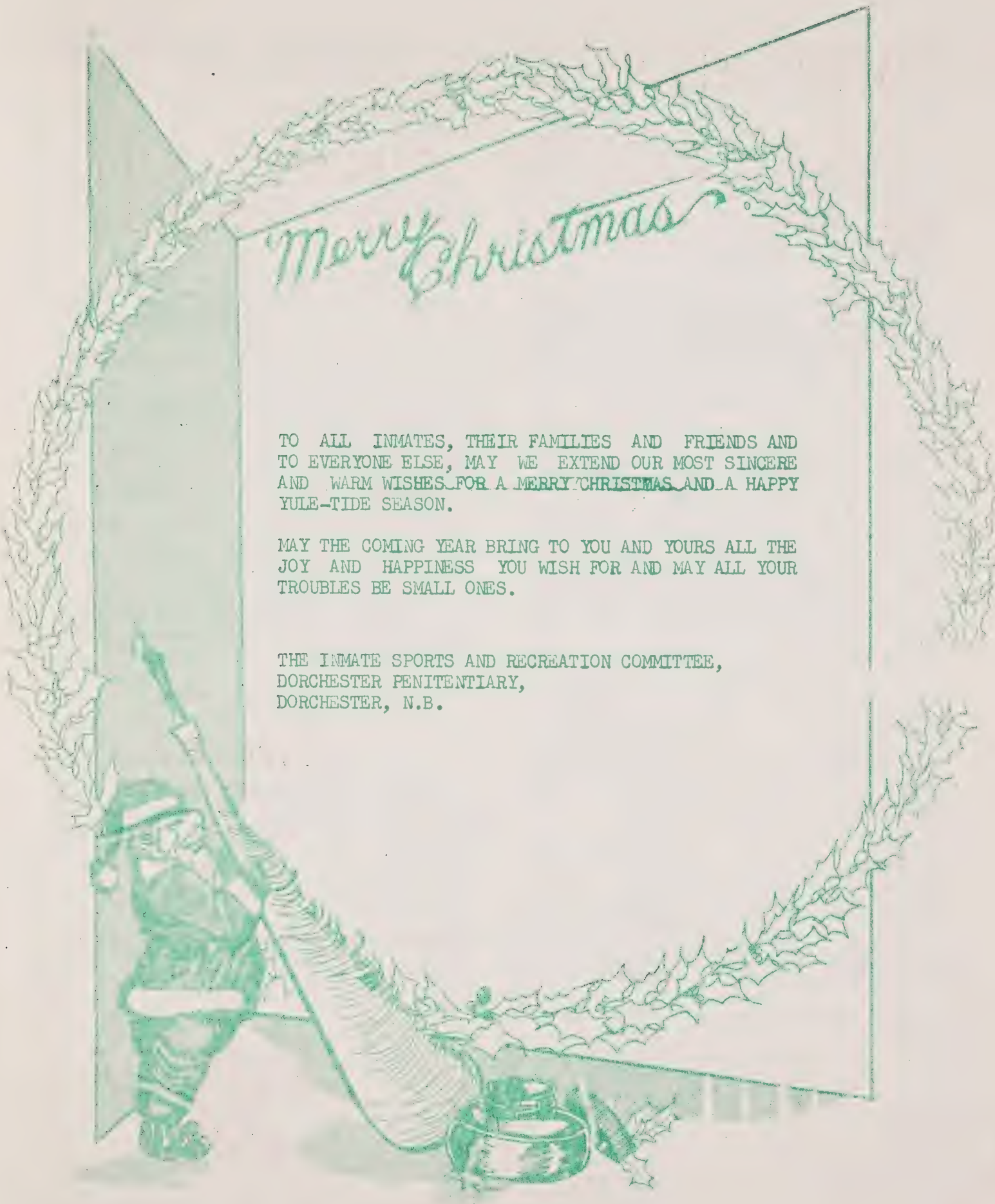
Without any misgiving,

I feel that I am really alive,

Simply from the joy of giving!

(Dave Henderson)





Merry Christmas

TO ALL INMATES, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND
TO EVERYONE ELSE, MAY WE EXTEND OUR MOST SINCERE
AND WARM WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
YULE-TIDE SEASON.

MAY THE COMING YEAR BRING TO YOU AND YOURS ALL THE
JOY AND HAPPINESS YOU WISH FOR AND MAY ALL YOUR
TROUBLES BE SMALL ONES.

THE INMATE SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE,
DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY,
DORCHESTER, N.B.

FARM ANNEX

NEWS

Firlotte's Flyers continued their winning streak by sweeping through the finals 8-3 and capturing the Annex Championship.

In the semi-finals the Blue Angels downed the Unbeatables 8 to 1 and played off with the Flyers in the finals. The Flyers won this 8 to 3. Both series were two game total points.

High score attained during the play-offs was achieved by Halfkenny (140) with Marshall the runner-up (136). Halfkenny also tied for the most hundreds (2) with Hankins.

Another team has been added to the league in hopes that it will balance play and give more players a chance to participate.

TEAMS

UNBEATABLES

Long, Captian
Perry
Spencer
McNulty
Arsenault
Pastarache
Armitage
McInnis

SILVER DARTS

Halfkenny, Capt.
Johnson
McKay
LeBlanc
Ferguson
Nickerson
Clarke
McEachern
McMaster

BLUE ANGELS

Benjamin, Captain
Lanteigne
Loger
McGraw
Bronu
Murphy
Gogan
White
McEachern

FLYERS

Dumas, Captain
Firlotte
Marshall
Bryant
Levitt
LeBlanc
Ouellette
Hankins
Guimond
Gallant

As we go to press the Un was dropped from the Unbeatables, making them the Beatables or the Losenicks.

OFFICERS VISIT FOR BRIDGE

A first was established at the Annex in November when a group of Bridge players from the Dorchester area visited with us for an evening of Bridge.

The guests, all officers of Dorchester Penitentiary were: Mr. E.C. Gaudet, Mr. H.L. McWhirter, Mr. M.W. Cawdle, Mr. E.A. MacDonald and Mr. R.K. Allaby.

The opposing team from the Annex included: V. Perry, W. Dumas, D. Elderkin, J. McInnis, R. Mallery, J. McNulty, S. Ferguson and D. Long.

The visiting officers defeated the inmates 7 to 3 in games but the score in points was much closer.

The inmate players thanked the guests and extended their thanks to Superintendent McMaster for his co-operation in arranging the visit.

WINNERS

Winners of the recent Whist Tournament were Fred McKay and L. Halfkenny. The runners-up were Tony Comeau and Gordon Nickerson.



SPRINGHILL NEWS

JOHNNY VOLLMANN

SPRINGHILL -- November 25th - The Lions International, District Governor A. N. Stevens, presented the inmates of Springhill Minimum Security Institution with a plaque which will honor the Annual Field Day Dormitory accumulating most competitive points. The handsome trophy is now the proud possession of 3-B Dormitory, our 1966 winner.

Mr. Stevens, in his address to the inmate body, pointed out the many features of Lionism and spoke about the vast membership of the organization throughout the world. He said the Lions Clubs were always ready to do service and help their fellow man.

The District Governor presented the plaque to Committee Chairman Art Mundee, who in turn presented to the 3-B Dormitory representative - Basil Cruickshanks. On behalf of the inmate population Art Mundee thanked the Lions Club for their very thoughtful and generous gift to the Field Day program.

On hand for the presentation, along with the entire inmate body, were Superintendent West and Lions Club President R. L. Fisher of the local Springhill Club. Following the presentation the visiting guests were given a tour of the Institution.

VISITORS WIN

SPRINGHILL - November 23rd - A ten man Dart Team from Springhill Legion returned again this year for a series of tournament activity against our local inmate team. The efficiency of the legion members still

held up as they won the match 15 to 13. However, the local club has gathered a much stronger defensive unit this year and it was a most impressive evening - especially where the inmates led three-quarters of the match.

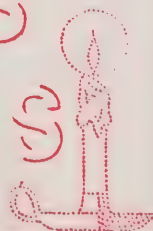
The institution, because of the close final score, now feel confident they might be able to defeat the Legionaires and are eagerly waiting for the return series where hopes for an upset are high. Among members of the local club are: Ed Clinch, Ray Sinclair, Jim McLean, Clyde Fahie, Murray Turner, Chuck Hake, Bert Jefferson, Norm Laurette, John Brown, Don Smith, Morris Horne, and Ron Phillips. The Statistician for these tournaments is Cecil Rogers.

INMATES LOSE

SPRINGHILL - November 29th - By a single solitary point, members of the Springhill Town Cribbage Team defeated an institution team this evening. One hundred and five games were played in the two hour period with the visiting guests won fifty-three while the inmates took only fifty-two. The visitors who came with only 13 strong were loaned Art Mundee for the evening to complete their 7th team. Our own units consisted of Basil Cruickshanks, Ron Phillips, John Vollmann, John McNeil, Jim MacDonald, Jim McLean, Romeo LeBlanc, Don Smith, Gus Shea, Frank Burns, Bert Jefferson, Ray Sinclair, Chuck Hake, and Andy Stuckless.

As this evening of Cribbage was so close when the final tallies were taken an immediate challenge was given for an early return match. The Town Team has accepted the offer and dates for this event should be announced soon. Assisting as host of the evening was Jim Graves.

SEASONS GREETINGS




REHABILITATION IS A TERM WITH WHICH EVERY INMATE SOON BECOMES FAMILIAR. IT IS USED TO DESCRIBE THE CHANGE THAT THIS INSTITUTION HOPES WILL TAKE PLACE IN EACH MAN AND ENABLE HIM TO RETURN TO SOCIETY AS A REFORMED INDIVIDUAL. IT IS A TERM THAT HAS TAKEN ON MANY MEANINGS, FEW OF WHICH HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE OR ANY BEARING ON ITS INTENDED MEANING. IT IS A TERM THAT IS WIDELY USED, ABUSED AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, MISSUSED. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION I WILL USE THE TERM 'REHABILITATION' THOUGH I BELIEVE A BETTER TERM WOULD BE 'MORAL AWAKENING'. (R.E.H.)

The prison has yet to be built that can rehabilitate an inmate. Rehabilitation is not something that can be issued by an institution along with food, clothing or other items, nor can you get it from the doctor of the psychologist. However, this institution will provide the tools and the necessary guidance for those who sincerely want to change.

Rehabilitation or the urge to rehabilitate must originate within the individual and a necessary prerequisite is a desire for something better than we now have. The desire along however, is not enough, it must be followed by work and determination. The man who sits idly waiting for the institution to rehabilitate him, and the prison official who attempts to bring about rehabilitation by keeping a man a certain number of years, forcing him to follow a tight regimentation will both wait in vain for positive results. In fact, they will wait forever, for rehabilitation does not come to the idlers nor can it be forced on another.

In the search for rehabilitation, like in all other things, the rewards go to the worker. For one must work as he has never worked before. He must desire this 'elusive awakening' above all other things and when once attained it must be cultivated as carefully as the tenderest of plants. His determination for a new life must be as steadfast as the dedication of a priest for his religion. But the choice is his, to arrive at by reason, not by force.

AN INMATE IS A TAX BURDEN
A PAROLEE IS A TAX PAYER



Prot. Chap's. Message

It is Christmas once more, and at heart we all become little children to some extent. Grown folks may not actually play with kiddies' toys, but they do help children play in their stead. Wistfully we recall a time when Christmas was a great big wonderful experience which we didn't understand but which we loved.

We were awed by stories of shepherds who were comforted by angels under the night skies, and wise men who followed a star as they came to see Jesus..they didn't understand either; they could only worship.

Christmas is still big. It is bigger than our own household..bigger than all people and bigger than their differences. It is bigger than the whole world. It is as big as God himself; and it should be for God is love and Christmas is love.

Christmas is too big for one day. May its mystery and awe, its worship and its love fill all our days.. in this season and throughout the new year.

Sincerely

L.K. Baker
Protestant Chaplain

THE BEACON

SPORTS

PARADE

HAWKS LEAD

B-7 LEAGUE

Up to December 7th, the B-7 Hawks led the entire Dorchester floor hockey league in points. The Hawks have amassed a total of 10 points, the highest number of any single team in the institution. The point system is calculated at two points for a win and one point for a tie.

Until December 7th, the Hawks had won five games and lost only one, giving them a total of 10 points. In the B-7 league the next highest number of points was accumulated by the Red Wings who have 9 points for 4 wins and 1 tie. The Falcons have a total of 5 points for 2 wins and 1 tie. And in the cellar of the B-7 league are the Flyers who have not won a game this year.

ROUGH RIDERS

LEAD OLD DOME

The Rough Riders have emerged the big point getters in the Old Dome league and have piled up 9 big points up to December 7th. The Rough Riders have played a total of 6 games and have won 4 and tied 1. Close behind the Rough Riders are the Speed Kings with 6 points for 2 wins and 2 ties. The B.D.R's have 4 points for 1 win and 2 ties. The Tiger Cats have the low spot on the totum pole having 3 points for 1 win and 1 tie.

BO BO SILLIKER

SCORES 13 GOALS

On November 30th, Bo Bo Silliker scored 13 big goals in a high scoring game in which the Speed Kings defeated the B.D.R's 16 to 7. In the same game Roger Gallant scored 5 of the B.D.R's 7 goals.

In the first period Bo Bo picked up 4 goals and Roger scored 2. In this period Silliker got two, two-minute penalties.

The second period saw only four goals scored, two by Silliker, one by Gallant and one by McIssac of the B.D.R's. There was only one penalty called in this period and it went to Dorrington of the B.D.R's.

In the Third period the B.D.R's defense went to pieces and Silliker scored seven goals and Bennie Heighton picked up two more for the Speed Kings. Roger Gallant scored two and Mike Reid scored one for the B.D.R's.

Chief referee for the game was Steve Peebles and Herb Isnor acted as official scorekeeper.

Silliker's 13 goals for this game is the highest number scored by any player in a single game this year.

ALL-STARS

D-SIDE WINS

On November 27th, the D-Side All-Stars downed the C-Side All-Stars in a fast action packed game that saw both teams break out in scoring drives that changed the advantage and neither team was able to hold

a lead until the closing minutes of the game.

In the second period the D-Side team opened up and scored three fast goals before the half way point of the period. Bona opened the scoring in this period with a goal at the one minute mark and Mike Houlahan followed with another at the three minute mark. Gray poked another in at the nine minute mark. Danniw Allen then scored one for the C-Side team and Houlahan scored again for D-Side before the end of the period.

Roger Gallant started the third period off by scoring two for C-Side, tying up the score. Houlahan scored again for D-Side and Gallant answered this with another for C-Side. Joe Burke scored the tie breaking goal at the sixteen minute mark in the third and this proved to be the winning goal. Mike Houlahan scored again in the final minute of play, making the score 7 to 5 for D-Side.

There were 15 penalties handed out in this game by Chief Referee Steve Peebles. Markie Ignor acted as official scorekeeper

ALL-STARS

E-SIDE

WINS OVER F-SIDE

The E-Side All-Stars downed the F-Side All-Stars 4 to 2 in a game held Sunday, December 4th. This was a very fast, close checking game that had a total of thirty-two penalties called in it.

The only goal in the first period was scored by Quigley of R-Side at the five minute mark of the period. There were 9 penalties called in the first period.

The game opened up a little in the second period and Mel Young started the scoring with a goal at the eight minute mark, followed by Billie Bowe with one at the ten minute mark, both of which were for E-Side. Larry Quigley then scored his second goal of the game when he poked one in at the fifteen minute mark. There were 12 penalties called in this period.

The E-Side squad dominated the play in the final period and scored the only two goals scored in this period. Albert Melanson got one half way through the period and Ovid Bastarache scored the final goal with only seconds left to play in the third and final period.

The referee in chief for this game was Nelson Paul.

OFFICIALS WANTED

Officials and players are still needed for the Snow hockey leagues and the faster the names are submitted the sooner the leagues will be able to commence play.

The Dart League also needs Commissioners and scorekeepers.



Happy

New Year



THROUGH THE SPORTSCOPE



Activities in the gym for the past month have been fast and furious with floor hockey providing the most action and making the most news...Other gym activities have been lively as well and the boxing bags have been drawing a lot of attention as some of our more pugilistic inmates have been firing away at the leather...Old BERNIE McNEIL can be seen occasionally throwing a few mean lefts at the heavy bag and displaying a pretty classy style for a man his age..He says he is just 39...And GEORGE GOUTHRO can be found blazing away at the speed bag quite often even though he maintains that he is a lover not a fighter...BO BO SILLIKER says that the nice thing about punching the bag is that it can't hit back and by the looks of his nose we know what he means...One of the boys who was really punching with enthusiasm last week was asked where he got all the energy, he replied that he just closes his eyes and thinks that it is his mother-in-law that he is striking out at. This makes us wonder who the other heavy hitters are thinking about...In the card playing area you can find the same old faces and hear the same voices bragging about their 'road game'...GEORGE REYNOLDS claims that he and MERLE MURPHY can't be beat when it comes to cribbage, but AUBREY BLADES says that he and VESSEY can take them any day of the week...Wait until tournament time fellows and we will find out who is right...MIKE LONG is back from Blue Mountain and his whist partner, our Beacon editor, says that he should have stayed there, at least until he learned to play cards...And that is what HUTCHISON says about his partner BO BO SILLIKER..... HUTCH says that Bo Bo has got to be the world's worst whist player....But then again BO BO says the same about him...And

while we are on the subject of cards we will have to mention FRANK BANFIELD, "How many did you go down when you bid six-no trump FRANK?"...Poor Frank thought there were only three suits in that deck...In the Dart corner the boys from Newfoundland seem to be reigning supreme...They tell me that they play darts in all the taverns in Newfy and if that is the case most of the boys we have here must of started going to the taverns when they were about ten years old..."Is that right DUKE?"...REG DWYER, one of our older residents, started the winter season off in fine style. playing a few games of floor hockey and doing a lot of limping but finally resigned himself to the fact that he really belongs in a much slower sport and he can be found throwing a few darts..."It is hard to keep up to those young fellows isn't it Reg."..And as we go to press it doesn't look too promising for the dart league, so far they have not been able to find a commissioner to get things started...Floor hockey has provided the most spills and thrills this year and has produced many stars.....At the beginning of the season it looked as though a close race for the scoring championship might develop but as the season progressed BO BO SILLIKER out paced just about everyone and he certainly holds the record for the most number of goals scored in one game with his big 13 scored against the B.D.R's. on November 27th...Big MIKE HOULAHAN and ROGER GALLANT follow Bo Bo in the scoring department but are still quite a long way behind him...In the penalty department it is a toss-up between three or four of our more exuberant players..... CHARLEY 'I didn't do it' BENNETT has warmed the penalty bench quite a few times along with ROY WHITENECK although Roy claims that he hasn't fouled anyone this year..."Yeah Roy, we know the referees are just picking on you"...And speaking about penalties, Harold Keddy has had a very difficult time staying out of the goal's crease, "What's the matter Harold don't your brakes work?"...Well fellows until next month, I'll just say so long and remember, be careful.....the SPY may be watching you.....

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AROUND *the penal* CIRCUIT PLASTIC SURGERY FOR OFFENDERS

NEW YORK (AP) A report on a plastic surgery project here indicates that disfigured ex-convicts are less likely to return to crime if their scars and deformities are removed.

Evidence in the project, which is incomplete, shows so far that disfigured offenders who do not undergo plastic surgery land back in jail or prison at a rate of 10 percent higher than those who have had the surgery.

Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, the City Department of Correction, and also the State Is. Mental Health Society, (private non-profit group) participated in the project.

The project is financed by \$260,000. in Federal funds arranged through the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The inmates in the project have been men between the ages of 21 and 50 and have all been volunteers.

"WHERE WAS ROBIN?"

MILFORD, CONN. (AP) A Milford policeman poked his head in the window of the car he had stopped for speeding and asked the driver: "What do you think you are driving, the Batmobile?"

The driver, as requested, showed the

officer his license and registration. The policeman excused himself and waved the car on.

Linwood Batman, 35, of Milford figures he saved himself about \$25.

DEATH ROWS GETTING CROWDED

The Associated Press recently reported that death rows are getting crowded in 37 states that still retain the death penalty. Awaiting execution, or other actions are 366 men.

Only one person has been executed this year...a man who thwarted all efforts to save him...in contrast to seven in 1965 and fifteen in 1964.

It was thought that there were two reasons for the current situation; concern whether the prisoner had received a fair trial, and a growing reluctance to take human life by law.

Twelve states account for 284 of the men, with California and Florida leading the list with 58 and 53 respectively.

Several states retaining the death penalty have not executed anyone in many years. New Hampshire and South Dakota last legally killed men in 1939, Massachusetts in 1947.

(From the Mentor, Prison paper of South Walpole, Mass.)

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BLUE MOUNTAIN

NEWS

W. DUNLAP

On Sunday, November 13th, an inmate Variety Show was held with many outside guests attending along with the inmate population. The show was narrated by Rev. T. McLeod who introduced Mack Hillman, Chairman of the Inmate Sports Committee. Mack welcomed all the guests on behalf of the inmates.

Butch Heighton and Bud Boudreau performed the first number of the show, "The Merry Ploughboy". Bud showed his guitar talent later in the show when he played "Wheels". Emile LeBlanc did a very fine job on "Don't Be Angry" and "I Don't Love You Anymore". Next came Roy Brown singing "Abilene".

Gordie Rankin, a performer in the show from outside sang "Flowers For Mama" and later in the show his wife Carol joined him to do a couple of numbers, "Life's Railway To Heaven" and "I Shall Not Be Moved".

Eric Esty, a newcomer here at Blue Mountain did a great job on "Mountain Of Love" and "Little Buddy", later he did "Kansas City" and put a little movement into it to make it a very lively number.

A comedy skit was done by Rev. McLeod and Earl Titus which brought a great deal of laughter and applause. Following the comedy, Vic McGowan from Westfield did a drum solo which brought the show up to the intermission time.

Opening the second segment one member of the cast did a splendid solo on an electric harmonica doing "My Bonnie Lass" and "Five Foot Two". The final spot in the evening entertainment featured Bing Kearstead doing a vocal on "Truckdriving Man". To close the show the entire cast assembled on stage to do "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands".

Mr. Hamilton, Superintendent of Blue Mountain expressed his appreciation of the outside participation in inmate projects and commented on the understanding that comes with such participation.

THE BEACON

BLUE MOUNTAIN DART LEAGUE

Four dart teams have been formed in Blue Mountain and commenced play on November 21

TEAMS

THE JETS

Byrns, Captain
Gadet
Heighton
Spence
Windsor

THE GOLDEN NUGGETS

LeBlanc, Captain
Kearstead
Paul
Amos
Shearing

THE GREATEST

Boudreau, Captain
Yeo
Erret
Hillman
James

THE GUIDED MISSILES

Holland, Captain
Dunlap
Farrel
Barry
Parrent

BLUE MOUNTAIN SNOW HOCKEY

Snow hockey teams have been formed and the league ready to start as soon as weather permits.

TEAMS

THE GOLDEN EAGLES

Parrent, Captain
Esty
Hillman
Amos
Byrns
Heighton
Barry

THE CANADIANS

Windsor, Capt.
Lewis
Paul
Brown
Spence
Shearing
Yeo

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With the coming of Christmas it is our sincere hope that each and every one of us will spend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's Day together. We urge you to forget past Christmases, good or bad, and try to make this a happy one for yourself as well as others.

THE BLUE MOUNTAIN SPORTS COMMITTEE

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